

continue one year longer, he is perhaps the most Studious young man in the world. Richard³⁰ was near loosing his life by a fall from his horse about the middle of September last, I do not know that he is yet perfectly restored to his senses, but bid fair to be so when I last hearded from him, Eliza³¹ goes also to college. she studees Geography &c—I rec^d the Barrel of fish in good order, but they have created a continual drought I can not for my life help thinking of the old Jamacee we spoke of, when this is started you may draw in favour of John,³² it will help pay taxes—with respect to the land of Salters³³ I know nothing, I believe the man (2) himself does not know on what lot he leives if I shoud however obtain such information as will enable you to fix a price, I shall let you know, Willie³⁴ is also in Town, being a member of the general assembly & is well, we do not know here what William³⁵ is about as he has not written any body in this quarter, will you let me know as far as you may be informed, Robert Houston,³⁶ is now made Secretary of State, a man by the name of Powell³⁷ is judge in the room H L White³⁸ resigned,

I am with respect

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remember me to the family, & to Reading & his family. & M^{rs} Blount & her family. Mary³⁹ & the girls Joins, & may grace & truth rest & abide with you all (3) I forgot to mention that the collodge for East Tennessee is fixed at or near say 1 1/2 miles of Knoxville with an appropriation of fifty thousand dollars, tell general Blount,⁴⁰ if he wants his son to live to

³⁰ Richard Blount was another of William Blount's sons. Keith and others, *Blount Papers*, I, xixn.

³¹ Eliza Blount was the youngest of William Blount's daughters. She, Jacob, and Richard were taken in by their older sister, Mary Louisa, wife of Pleasant M. Miller, after the death of William Blount and his wife. Keith and others, *Blount Papers*, I, xixn; see also 1804, n. 10.

³² For John Gray Blount, Jr., see 1803, n. 28; 1804, n. 4.

³³ This was probably John or Washington Salter, whose father, Robert Salter, had been involved in the Transylvania Land Company. Much confusion developed over the Salters' land titles. John Gray Blount became involved in this as a result of his association with the Transylvania Company. Keith and others, *Blount Papers*, III, 162n.

³⁴ For Willie Blount see 1803, n. 33.

³⁵ William Grainger Blount was the oldest son of William Blount. Keith and others, *Blount Papers*, I, xixn.

³⁶ Robert Houston was secretary of state in Tennessee during the period between 1807 and 1811. Rita A. Whitfield, *Tennessee Blue Book* (Nashville: State of Tennessee, 1976), 35.

³⁷ Samuel Powell served as judge of the first circuit court of Tennessee during two separate periods, from 1812 to 1813, and from 1819 to 1836. Joshua W. Caldwell, *Sketches of the Bench and Bar of Tennessee* (Knoxville, Tenn.: Ogden Brothers and Co., Printers, 1898), 17.

³⁸ For Hugh Lawson White see 1804, n. 7.

³⁹ For Mary Louisa Blount Miller, wife of Pleasant M. Miller, see 1804, n. 11.

⁴⁰ For Reading Blount see 1803, n. 25.